

Knowing Your Roots: Indigenous Medicines, Health Knowledges, and Best Practices



International Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development (INIHKD) Conference, Poulsbo, Washington State, U.S.A. 24-28 May 2010

The **INIHKD** is an international assembly of indigenous health researchers, scholars, policymakers, and health practitioners dedicated to improving the health of indigenous peoples in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States through community-led health research, culturally-based health services delivery, indigenous health workforce development, and indigenous health policy advancement.

2010 Conference Venue

The beautiful, saltwater-fronting Kiana Lodge is owned and operated by the Suquamish Nation. Final resting place of Chief Sealth, the Suquamish Nation is only 18 miles / 30 kilometres from his namesake city of Seattle via a scenic ferry ride. <http://www.kianalodge.com/>.

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Dates
October 1 - November 15, 2009

Abstracts will be solicited from all four countries and selected & grouped according to the INIHKD's missions: Community-led research, health services, workforce development, and policy formulation. Presenters are encouraged to reflect the integration of traditional medicines, traditional health and healing practices and indigenous health knowledge systems into contemporary health research, policy and services and approaches, development of innovative culturally-grounded interventions and identification of best practices in contemporary and traditional public health and health care settings. Abstract submission requirements and form may be found at: <http://www.iwri.org/inihkd/>

Conference Co-sponsors

The University of Washington (UW), the UW's Indigenous Wellness Research Institute and the University of New Mexico Center for Native American Health.

History of INIHKD Conferences

1. October 2003, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.
2. November 2005, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
3. October 2007, Rotorua, New Zealand.
4. May 2010, Poulsbo, Washington State, U.S.A.

Objectives of the 4th Biennial INIHKD Conference

Globally, indigenous populations have remarkably similar health trends, status, and diseases, as well as environmental conditions that contribute to health disparities. There are striking differences as well, particularly in respect to health policy responses. Much can be learned from sharing approaches, experiences, and results.

The INIHKD provides this opportunity through a biennial conference with activities designed to:

1. Build indigenous research capacity and health workforce;
2. Develop innovative research partnerships;
3. Facilitate sharing of innovative, traditional, and contemporary indigenous health research knowledges, especially with respect to evidenced-based "best and promising practices" and culturally-grounded interventions;
4. Identify successful indigenous health policy solutions; and
5. Share ethical indigenous-based research protocols and methodologies.

The purpose of bringing together indigenous health researchers, practitioners, and policy representatives from these countries is to grow INIHKD's efforts to address the challenges involved in reducing indigenous health disparities and to share critical analyses and practice-based theories of historical and social determinants of health disparities among indigenous peoples across the globe.



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